

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Longview Youth Softball Association (LYSA) is implementing a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy encompasses all activities related to our league. By registering as a player with the league or entering the field or field area during league events you are obligated to comply with the “Zero Tolerance” policy. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the immediate removal of the offender(s) from the premises and the offenders will be forbidden to return until disciplinary action(s)/decisions(s) have been made.

Our young players will no longer be subjected to witnessing adults forget all of the healthy reasons they are involved in playing team sports. It is everyone’s responsibility to support the players while they learn sportsmanship, responsibility, fair play and respect for the game, all while they continue to improve their skills. Team sports are about competition but there is far more to team sports than winning and losing.

The LYSA Board has committed to continue providing a safe and fun environment for our young ladies to compete. The following represent our position regarding the LYSA “Zero Tolerance” going forward.

1. All involved in the LYSA including but not limited to Coaches, Parents, Spectators, Board Members and Umpires shall abide by the “Zero Tolerance” policy and the rules and by laws that govern our League.
2. It is the responsibility of the coaches to always control their players and spectators. It is the players and spectators’ responsibility to be respectful of coaches, players and umpires at all times with no exception. Failure to do so could result in the immediate removal of player(s), spectator(s), head coach and/or forfeit of the game.
3. Coaches will teach their players to respect the coaches, the game, their opponents, and the umpires at all times.
4. Coaches will confine their discussion with the opposing team coach and/or the umpires to rule interpretations and appeals. Coaches and spectators will respect the outcome of such decisions.
5. Profanity, obscene or threatening gestures or language, malicious or personal remarks, harassment and or threats of harm between opponents, players, spectators, or umpires on or off the field, including phone calls, text messages, emails or any form of social media, will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. Anyone in violation

will be immediately removed from the field and forbidden to return until disciplinary action(s)/ decision(s) have been made.

6. The use of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping and possession of weapons of any kind is strictly prohibited.
7. Improper use or deliberate damage to league equipment or property will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.
8. Board Members, umpires and all coaches are responsible for enforcing these rules on and off the playing field.
9. Any and all questions, concerns or reports regarding a disciplinary action can be directed in person to any LYSA Board member. Any and all information and concerns are strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than the parties involved.

This agreement is for all fields associated with the Longview Youth Softball Association that is apart of the League.